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Sir:

AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action July 8, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Amend the paragraph beginning at line 20 on page 5 and ending at line 3 on page 6 as follows:

- 1 The hot stamping process may utilize a heated die that is applied to the product with
- 2 substantial pressure. In this embodiment the heated die may be set-up with a stamping
- 3 temperature of about 430°F - 520°F, and a stamping pressure of about 20-80 psi with a dwell
- 4 time of about 0.5 - 1.0 seconds. The heated die may be set-up to simultaneously hot stamp a
- 5 plurality of test tubes (e.g., ninety-six).